

What is claimed is:

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1. A software application for network-based management and data  
5 summarization of user-selected URLs comprising:
    - a client-side utility for capturing a URL displayed in a browser window during Internet navigation;
    - a server-side utility for receiving URLs captured by the client-side utility; and
    - 10 a navigation and data-gathering utility for navigating to and gathering data from Web pages associated with the captured URLs;characterized in that a user operating the client-side utility captures a URL during Web browsing wherein the URL is sent to the server-side utility at which time it may be utilized by the navigation and data gathering utility  
15 for proxy navigation to and data gathering from a WEB page associated with the URL.
  2. The software application of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet network.
  - 20 3. The software application of claim 2, wherein the client-side utility is a network-capable utility separate from a standard book-marking utility.
  4. The software application of claim 3, wherein the client-side utility is  
25 integrated with a standard book-marking utility.
  5. The software application of claim 2, wherein the client-side utility is a plug-In adapted to a Web browser.

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6. The software application of claim 2, wherein the navigation and data-gathering utility navigates to a WEB page associated with the URL and returns an HTML summary.

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7. A method for practicing network-based management and data summarization of user-selected URLs comprising the steps of:

(a) initiating capture of a URL associated with a Web page presented in a browser window while browsing the Internet;

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(b) sending the captured URL information over a network connection to a Web-based server;

(c) associating the captured URL information with other URL information contained in a list of URL data;

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(d) initiating a request containing the URL data and sending the request to a proxy navigation and data-gathering utility; and

(e) upon approval of the request, navigating to the Web page or pages associated with the URL data for the purpose of obtaining information from the Web page and returning the information in summary form to a user.

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8. The method of client 7 wherein in step (a), the URL data is sent both to the network and to a machine cache residing on a user's machine.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein in step (b), the Web-based server is a proxy server.

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10. The method of claim 7 wherein a step is added between steps (d) and (e) enabling a user to edit a navigation request.

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